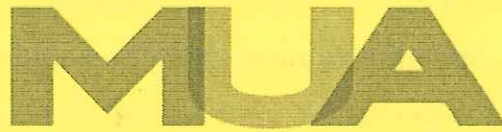


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MDE 514: PUBLIC POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 60

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Write your registration number on the answer booklet.
2. **DO NOT** write on this question paper.
3. This paper contains **FOUR (4)** questions.
4. Question **ONE** is **compulsory**.
5. Answer any other **TWO** questions.
6. Question **ONE** carries **30 MARKS** and the rest carry **15 MARKS** each.
7. Write all your answers in the Examination answer booklet provided

refer to a broad concept, and we can ask ourselves whether public participation is synonymous with political participation, citizens' participation or public engagement. What they all hold in common is the active characteristic – participation – but there are some differences, as Yang argues, public participation being the broadest concept, including participation activities that involve the public, the media, and other nongovernment social groups (Yang et. all, 2005) while citizen participation is seen as an involvement of the public in the administrative decision-making process. The last two, political participation and civic engagement are seen as the involvement in political process (voting, campaigning, party politics) (Verba et. all, 1987, Denhardt et. all, 2000) and respectively volunteer type of activities at individual or organizational level (Oliver, 2000).

Public participation is part of the inner mechanisms of representative democracy. One of the defining characteristics of democracy is the right to elect public officials and be elected at the same time. But democracy went through a lot of changes since the beginning of the nineteenth century, especially concerning the structure and distribution of power throughout the community. The administrative apparatus has grown ever bigger (despite last 30 years efforts in downsizing) and gained substantial authority especially in the field of public policy. Decisions previously made by elected officials in a political process are now largely delegated to technical experts in the administrative apparatus (Creighton, 2005). In this light, the issue of public participation is of major interest in preserving legitimacy and accountability of decisions. When unelected bureaucrats have such a major input in the policy process, insuring the will and needs of the people are represented correctly is both a necessity and a challenge.

Public participation is the link between members of society and government, ensuring that the decisions taken by non-elected officials carry legitimacy by providing a form of dialogue and interaction between decision makers and the people who are affected by

QUESTION TWO

- a. Public policy making is not merely a technical function of government; rather it is a complex interactive process influenced by the diverse nature of socio-political and other environmental forces. These environmental forces that form the policy context lead to the variation in policies and influences the output and impact. Comment on this statement focusing on the role of non- state actors of the public policy making.

(10 Marks)

- b. Public policy conceptualization from formation, implementation and evaluation, requires a focus of the basis of the idea behind the move which normally might be generation of relevant information to resolve social problems. This drive leads the necessity to list as Eneanya, Belo, and Anifowose (2010) the good elements of good public policy. Using examples discuss the elements of a good public policy research study

(5 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

Write short notes on the following theoretical Approaches to Public Policy:

- a. Institutional theory (institutionalism) (5 Marks)
- b. Rational theory (rationalism) (5 Marks)
- c. Incremental theory (Instrumentalism) (5 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Analysis of policy paradigms and policy change due to globalization in developing countries depicts both positive and negative impacts in a country like Kenya. Discuss this statement. (10 Marks)

- b) Elucidate the objectives of Fiscal policy to a developing countries like Kenya (5 Marks)